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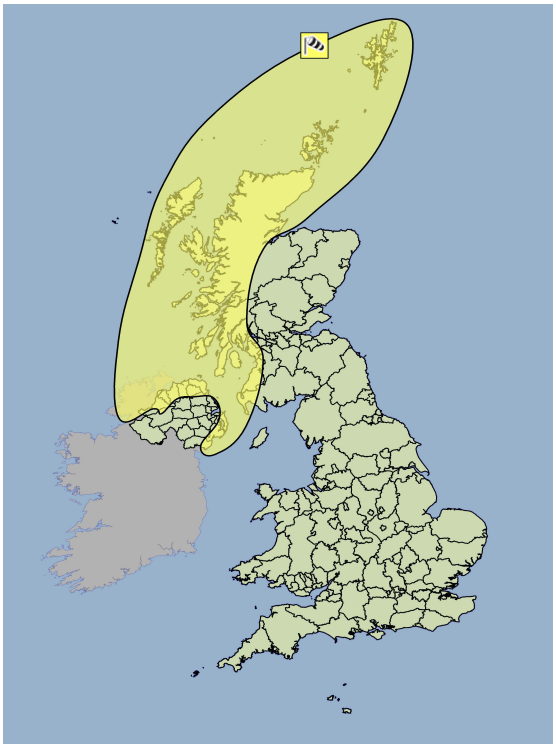

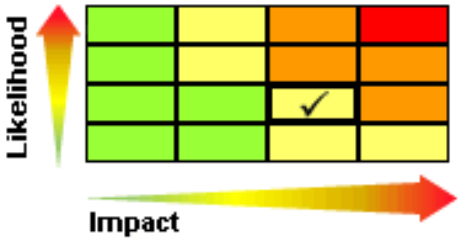

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A very deep area of low pressure is expected to track to the northwest of the UK through Tuesday and into Wednesday. A swathe of very strong winds are expected to develop on its forward side, and affect many northwestern areas. Gusts of 55-65 mph are likely quite widely, with gusts reaching 70-80 mph in exposed areas, particularly in northwest Scotland, and later Shetland.

At this stage, the low which is expected to generate these very strong winds is currently in the western Atlantic, and therefore uncertainty remains regarding its exact track. As such this warning will be kept under review.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **15:00 on Tue, 29th Dec 2015** until **07:00 on Wed, 30th Dec 2015**

A rapidly deepening depression, passing to the west of Ireland and Scotland, is likely to bring a swathe of gale and severe gale force winds across parts of western and northern UK later on Tuesday and at first on Wednesday.

This update takes the strongest winds away from inland parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland, and also now includes Shetland.

Please be aware that disruption is possible, particularly to transport, is possible.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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  - County Londonderry
  - County Tyrone
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  - Orkney Islands
  - Shetland Islands
- SW Scotland, Lothian Borders
  - Dumfries and Galloway
- Strathclyde
  - Argyll and Bute
  - East Ayrshire
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